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Sentencing for fatal motorcycle crash

A Port Jefferson man convicted of vehicular manslaughter, felony aggravated unlicensed driving and driving while ability impaired by drugs will be in state prison for up to eight years, Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said.

Sabelo Ndala struck and killed Thomas Heissenbuttel, 56, on November 28 last year. Police said Ndala turned into the path of the victim as he rode his motorcycle on Old Town Road, south of Hawkins Road, in Coram.

The victim's wife, Regina Heissenbuttel, in her victim's impact statement filed with the court, wrote that Ndala is now "an unwanted person in my life ...and part of my thoughts for the rest of my life," adding that the defendant has no respect for authority. She wrote that her life has become an emptiness "that is so unbearable I can't even put it into words".

Judge Stephen Braslow sentenced Ndala, 22, to state prison for four to eight years.

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